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PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURES AND EVEN CHAOS COULD RESULT IN VIOLENCE AGAINST PRESIDENT THIEU. WITH DIEM PRECEDENT AND CURRENT ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OUR AGENCY, IT WOULD BE BOTH INSTITUTIONAL AND NATIONAL DISASTER IF THERE WERE ANY REMOTE CONNECTION BETWEEN US AND SUCH AN EVENT. THUS PLEASE MAKE MOST CLEAR TO THOSE YOU THINK IT IMPORTANT TO ADVISE THAT THEY ARE TO FLATLY REJECT EVEN A HINT THAT WE WOULD CONDONE OR PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTION AND, IF THINGS GET COMPLICATED AT ALL, ADVISE AND I WILL RECOMMEND STRONGEST EFFORT TO FACILITATE THIEU AND FAMILY SAFE PASSAGE AND HAVEN. BEST REGARDS.

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